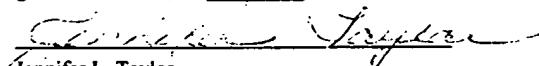


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**DECLARATION OF VISHVA M. DIXIT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R § 1.132**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, Vishva M. Dixit, declare as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the above-referenced patent application, and am familiar with the contents thereof.
2. I have reviewed the publication Hu et al, "*A Novel RING Finger Protein Interacts with the Cytoplasmic Domain of CD40*" *J. Biol. Chem.* (1994) 269(48):30069-30072, cited by the Examiner, for which I am a co-author. The publication cited describes work that is encompassed by this patent application. The co-authors named in the publication worked under

my direction performing work that lead to the invention, but did not make an inventive contribution to the subject matter of the application. Hong Ming Hu and Karen O'Rourke were members of my laboratory at the time the invention was conceived and reduced to practice. They assisted in carrying out the experiments described in the cited reference paper. They worked under my direction and supervision. Mark S. Boguski analyzed the data. He did not contribute to the conception or the reduction to practice of the invention of the subject patent application. He also worked under my direction and supervision.

3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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